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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON MAY 17, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 17, 2004 (paper no. 18), please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO/0034/JCC for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.